

GOETHALS IS BUSY WITH COMMITTEES

Discusses Slides in Canal and Fortifications.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Governor of the Canal Zone Direct From One Conference to Another With Congress Committees and Bureau Chiefs.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Governor Goethals, of the Panama Canal Zone, told a House appropriations subcommittee today that the slides in the big waterway had proved much more extensive than was at first thought. At the point where they occurred, he said, there is a channel 100 feet wide and 35 feet deep, but shoaling has complicated the situation.

He did not discuss the probable effect on plans for sending the Atlantic fleet through the canal in March but said the Zone government was working the dredges 20 hours a day to clear the channel. At first it was thought 1,000,000 cubic yards of earth would have to be removed, but 1,500,000 already have been taken out and a great quantity remains.

With several War Department bureau chiefs Governor Goethals went over, behind closed doors, plans for public works and fortifications in the Zone to cost \$18,000,000. He said that so far as military information indicated, the fortifications now built and authorized, were satisfactory. Brigadier General Crozier, of the Ordnance Bureau, expressed the same view.

PLANS ARE CONTINUED

Battleships May Not Be Able to Pass Through Canal at Celebration.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Secretary Garrison today told President Wilson of General Goethals' report that he could not guarantee passage of battleships through the Panama canal at the formal opening in March because of slides. Secretary Garrison said, however, that even though the battleships were unable to pass there need to be no interference with the plans for the trip of President Wilson, congressmen and diplomats to Panama and the San Francisco exposition. He said the party could be taken around any slides by railway and the trip continued to San Francisco.

Secretary Daniels nevertheless said today he was planning for the dispatch of the Atlantic fleet to San Francisco by way of the canal. He said he had not been advised that the canal might not be passable.

WOOTEN SPEAKER BY ACCLAMATION

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of Senator Gardner by acclamation. The Senate then proceeded with the selection of other caucus candidates, those selected being: Principal clerk, R. O. Self, of Statesville; reading clerk, J. H. Burnett, of Montgomery county; engrossing clerk, W. T. Aycock; sergeant-at-arms, W. D. Gaster, of Cumberland; assistant, W. H. Huntley.

The House Caucus.
In the caucus of the House Democrats, A. R. Dunning, of Martin county, called the caucus to order and placed in nomination C. J. Currier, of Cumberland, for chairman of the caucus, his election being unanimous. B. Frank Hanes, of Forsyth, was made secretary of the caucus.

The nomination of Mr. Wooten for speaker was by Representative M. W. Allen, of Wayne, who declared that he had just learned of the graceful withdrawal of the three other aspirants for the place in favor of his candidate. He spoke of the equipment of Mr. Wooten. In experience and in personal ability, describing him as a man well poised and fully aware that the price of cotton cannot be legislated to 10 cents and money cannot be made by resolutions of the General Assembly. Representative Roberts, of Buncombe, seconded the nomination of Wooten and the election by acclamation was on motion of Representative Grier, of Iredell.

Representative Etheridge, of Dare county, informed the caucus that he was elected as an independent, but that he was a Democrat of the John Jackson and Bryan type and wanted to know if he was welcome in the caucus. If not he would withdraw. He was assured that Democrats welcome an active participant. He stayed.

T. G. Cobb was chosen for re-election as principal clerk by acclamation. D. F. Dellinger, of Gaston, and J. D. Berry, of Wake, were put up for reading clerk and Mr. Dellinger won by a vote of 66 to 26. For sergeant-at-arms, J. H. Moring was re-nominated, the vote being Moring 55; David James, of Pitt, 26; and L. J. Brittain, of Guilford, 13. For assistant sergeant-at-arms, Elias J. Jenkins, of Granville, was chosen. For engrossing clerk, M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood, was re-nominated without opposition.

Republican Nominations.
The joint caucus of the seven Republican senators and 22 Republican representatives tonight decided to name Senator R. L. Haymore, of Surry, for president pro-tem of the Senate and Representative H. S. Williams, of Cabarrus, for speaker of the House. Republicans will make no other nominations.

NO HITCH AT ALBANY.

New York Legislature Organized Last Night Without Trouble.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Caucus programmes for the organization of the Legislature which will convene tomorrow were carried out tonight without a hitch. Senator E. R. Brown was named as the Republican candidate for president pro-tem of the upper house, and Thaddeus C. Sweet was the party's nominee for speaker of the Assembly. Former Lieutenant Governor Robert F. Wagner was chosen the Democratic choice for temporary president of the senate, and former speaker Alfred E. Smith was named as Democratic candidate for speaker.

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REPUBLICANS MAKE DESPERATE FIGHT

Against Government Ship Purchase Measure.

EXTRA SESSION LIKELY

War Waged Against Administration Measure by Minority Senators May Cause Special Session of Congress to Be Called.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Continued Republican belligerency toward the government ship purchase bill has begun to worry administration leaders. With but two months in the life of the Sixty-third Congress remaining, all of the big supply bills still undisposed of by the Senate, and minority senators manifesting a determination to fight the ship bill to the last ditch, fears were expressed by Democratic leaders that the administration's legislative programme is in danger.

As a result of conferences among Democratic senators today, it is probable night sessions may be forced in the near future, to test the endurance of opponents of the shipping bill. Republican senators today prevented consideration of the ship measure by discussing at length the urgent deficiency bill. Senator Work also talked for three hours on the public health, and announced he still had left 30,000 yards of the pending bill, which he intends to deliver on Thursday.

Ultior Motive.

"It begins to look to me as though there were an ulterior motive behind this protracted debate," said Senator Stone, after several Republican senators had spoken on the urgent deficiency bill, "that it is intended to waste the time of the Senate. It has the complexion of an established filibuster against consideration of the shipping bill. I want to warn senators, however, that the bill will be considered. It is a good long time until Christmas."

"The Fourth of March intervenes," interjected Senator Lodge, "between now and Christmas."

"Yes, I mean Christmas 1915," replied Senator Stone.

Later several senators declared that should the minority prevent passage of the shipping bill at this session an extra session would be called. Intimations of a similar nature also were heard at the White House.

URGE A NATIONAL CHILD LABOR LAW

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whose hands were mutilated from mill machinery.

"I found an number of boys and girls of 10 and 11 years old working an 11-hour day, during the school period 'at tasks involving eye and muscle strain. Is it any wonder that I found a whole family, mother and five children, the oldest one 17, of which not one could write his name,' he concluded.

Representative Godwin, who returned to Washington yesterday after being forced to remain at home on account of illness, believes conditions in the State are gradually improving. J. B. Underwood, wife and daughter, of Fayetteville, are here.

BALTIMORE BANKERS MAKE PROTEST TODAY

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by Baltimore lawyers was indicated tonight in a summary of a brief filed with the board.

The brief claims that Baltimore outranks Richmond in finance, commerce and industry—a ratio of five to one, and that the bank should have gone to the larger city. It puts forth the claim that the course of trade in the Fifth district is toward Baltimore and that Baltimore not only does larger business than any other city in the Fifth district, but does most of this business in the Fifth district. The boundaries of the district, to a remarkable extent, coincide with the boundaries of the field of Baltimore's commercial predominance, the brief says.

The brief characterizes the reasoning of the organization committee as "Juggling with figures." In making a comparison favorable to Richmond, the committee, it says, compares not the statistics of all banks in Richmond and Baltimore, but figures for National banks alone in Virginia and Maryland, ignoring all banking business done by the state banks and trust companies.

ANTIS READY FOR FIGHT.

Will Wage Battle in New England States Soon to Vote on Question.

New York, Jan. 5.—The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage at a conference here today decided to wage active campaigns in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, four states in which suffrage amendments may be submitted during 1915.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the association, was chairman of today's conference, which was attended by representatives of many state associations.

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ENTIRE TURKISH ARMY CORPS IS CAPTURED

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and Archbishop of Malines, was arrested by German authorities, and held a prisoner in his own arch-episcopal palace at Malines under military guard.

The report which has not been confirmed, says the cardinal was arrested because he issued a pastoral letter read Sunday in churches throughout Belgium which referred to the occupation of Belgium as follows:

"This power has no legal authority and consequently you owe it in your heart neither allegiance nor obedience. The only legal authority in Belgium is that appertaining to our King, his government and the representatives of the nation."

Mercier Not Arrested.
The Hague, via London, Jan. 5.—Cardinal Mercier was expected to deliver a sermon at Antwerp Sunday but failed to appear, and Father Rutten, addressing the congregation, said: "Antwerp always belonged to the Antwerpians and it will be theirs in the future. The reason why I, instead of the cardinal, address you, is that owing to exceptional circumstances his enemies prevented from attending."

This statement is the sole foundation for the report that Cardinal Mercier has been arrested.

RADICAL INNOVATION ON FEDERAL POLICIES

Saunders So Characterizes Ship Purchase Bill.

Boston, Mass., January 5.—The advisability of government purchase of ships, as proposed in a bill pending in Congress, was debated at a "merchant marine" dinner of the chamber of commerce tonight. Congressman Alexander, of Missouri, sponsor for the bill, characterized it as the magna charta of American shipping.

Congressman E. W. Saunders, of Virginia, objected to the proposal, as a poor business proposition and a breeder of delicate international complications. He said "The bill is the most radical innovation upon Federal policy since the Civil war. It is substantially, if not avowedly, socialist."

"I am opposed to this measure, among other serious reasons," said Congressman Saunders, "because it is in flat contravention of the plank adopted at the Baltimore convention on the subject of merchant marine. The scheme which would require an appropriation of approximately \$10,000,000 and an issue of bonds to the extent of possibly \$30,000,000, falls within the condition of this plank, which is directed against measures imposing additional burdens on the people."

BOWDEN SHOOTING AFFAIR RESULTS IN A FATALITY

Zeith Gore, Shot Last Wednesday, Dies in Hospital.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Warsaw, N. C., January 5.—Zeith Gore, who was shot at Bowden last Wednesday, died in a hospital today. Louis Anderson, accompanied by witnesses, came here immediately after the shooting, and submitted to the charge of shooting Gore.

The evidence they gave was that Coleman invited Anderson's sister to go to a dance with him in a neighboring house and that Gore, who was in love with the girl, forbade her to go, threatening to take her life if she went. She prepared to go and Gore advanced in a threatening manner, they said, but was met by the brother, who shot him in the head. Both men fled, but Gore's shot went wild.

The Gore evidence, said to be based on a dying declaration of Gore, is quite different from that of Anderson.

Trenton, N. J., January 5.—Three men were electrocuted at the State prison tonight, marking the first triple execution since the electric chair was installed in New Jersey. The three were negroes, and paid the death penalty for murder.

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CARRANZA TROOPS VICTORIOUS.

Puebla, Capital of State of That Name, Captured—Six-Day Siege.

Puebla, Mex., Jan. 5.—Puebla, capital of the state of Puebla, evacuated a month ago by Carranza troops, was retaken today, after a campaign which began with the capture of Tepeaca, a short distance southeast of Puebla, six days ago.

The fall of Puebla came after six hours of what is described as the most furious bombardment to which any Mexican fortress has yet been subjected.

General Alvaro Obregon, commanding the Carranza forces, worked into a position about the city last night with troops reported to have aggregated 30,000 men. He threw nearly all his men into action, beginning the fighting early in the morning.

After pounding with 92 cannon the enemy's positions, reported held by 15,000 men, Obregon's army advanced under fire of the enemy's artillery.

When Obregon left Vera Cruz he told friends that he was in possession of Puebla in eight days. This time was not up until tonight. Tepeaca, Amozec and other small towns have been taken since his departure, and Obregon had made his headquarters division base at Apizaco, where the railroad from Puebla joins the main line of the Mexican railway.

Last night he moved this force southward and another force toward the west, cutting both railroads over which the Villa and Zapata forces might proceed toward Mexico City.

Generals Alvarado and Mullen commanded the forces moving from the east and had under their direction most of the cannon.

How many of the Villa and Zapata troops escaped is not known, but early reports of the fighting indicate that the greater part of them either were killed or made prisoners. From these reports it would seem that in few of the battles that have occurred in Mexico has the slaughter been so swift and so great.

The hardest part of the action was fought outside the city proper. The dead and wounded are said to cover the ground at some places and to be strewn plentifully across a field whose diameter from west to east is some 12 miles.

Communication with Puebla was not established until tonight. Who was in command of the capital forces is not yet known, but their leaders are reported to have been Andrew Almazan and Eufemio Zapata, a brother of Emiliano.

A brief message received at midday announced the result of the fighting and the gates in Vera Cruz with their bands raised the streets in honor of the victors. The ringing of church bells conveyed the news to the populace.

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